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GARBANZO PRODUCTION DOWN

18 PERCENT IN 1960

Garbanzo production in 18 reporting countries was 146 million bags in 1960, 18 percent under 1959, but 27 percent over the 1950-54 average. More than 90 percent of these garbanzos were produced in India and Pakistan where production was down 20 percent -- up slightly in Pakistan but down 22 percent in India.

The balance of world production, less than 10 percent in 1960, was grown in Southern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the Americas. The European crop was down 12 percent, but the Middle East, Africa and the Americas all reported increases from 1959 of 3 to 15 percent.

Europe: Spain's output, the largest in Europe was 12 percent less than in 1959, and 14 percent less than the average. Output in the much smaller producing countries of Italy and Portugal was down 17 percent and 14 percent respectively from 1959.

Middle East: In the Middle East, 4 countries reported production 10 percent over 1959 and about equal to the 1950-54 average. Here, Turkey is the largest producer, accounting for 90 percent of the total for the Middle East crop. Turkey's crop was up 12 percent from 1959 and 14 percent from the 1950-54 average.

Africa: The small production in 3 reporting African countries was up 48 percent from 1959 and 8 percent from the 1950-54 average. This was due largely to the Moroccan crop which was double the 1959 output and 12 percent above the 1950-54 average.

GARBANZOS (CHICKPEAS), DRY EDIBLE: Acreage and production in specified countries
1950-54 average, 1959-60 annual

Continent & country	Acreage		Yield per acre		Production	
	Average 1950-54	1959	Average 1950-54	1959	Average 1950-54	1959
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/
Americas:						
Argentina	15	22	633	1,082	95	238
Chile	19	33	458	439	87	145
Mexico	285	346	664	695	1,893	2,403
United States ...	5	9	600	722	30	65
Total	324	410	650	695	2,105	2,851
Europe:						
Greece	61	57	582	632	355	360
Italy	225	212	535	516	1,204	1,093
Portugal	112	134	325	379	364	508
Spain	847	662	382	481	3,238	3,185
Yugoslavia	20	20	500	750	100	150
Total	1,265	1,085	416	488	5,261	5,296
Middle East:						
Lebanon	4	5	725	500	29	25
Syria	69	70	522	186	360	130
Turkey	195	210	944	892	1,840	1,874
Jordan	20	15	415	466	83	70
Total	288	300	803	700	2,312	2,099
Far East:						
India	18,383	24,865	496	620	91,247	154,134
Pakistan	2,670	3,140	486	428	12,988	13,448
Total	21,053	28,005	495	598	104,235	167,582
Africa:						
Algeria	63	60	417	500	263	300
Egypt	14	11	1,386	1,445	194	159
Morocco	185	104	409	403	757	419
Total	262	175	463	502	1,214	878
Grand total ..	23,192	29,975	496	596	115,127	178,706
1/ 100-lb. bags. 2/ Office estimate.						

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Americas: Production in the Americas in 1960, where Mexico produces 80 percent of the total crop, was up 3 percent from 1959 and 40 percent over the 1950-54 average. Output in Mexico, was up 28 percent over the 1950-54 average, but only slightly over 1959. The much smaller production in Argentina, Chile and the United States was up 7 percent, 19 percent, and 32 percent respectively from the 1959 levels. Argentina and Chile almost doubled their 1950-54 productions and output in the United States almost tripled.



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